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ASX Market Announcements
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Term Sheet Executed for VALARIS 107 Drilling Rig – Judith-2 Appraisal Well

Judith Gas Field – Offshore Gippsland Basin, Victoria, Australia

Highlights

- **Emperor Energy has executed a term sheet with a subsidiary of Valaris Limited to secure the VALARIS 107 jack-up drilling rig to drill the Judith-2 Appraisal Well, targeted for April 2027.**
- **Emperor has paid US$1.5 million upon execution of the term sheet and will pay a further US$2.0 million on execution of the full-form drilling contract, targeted for end of October 2026.**
- **VALARIS 107 is currently operating in the offshore Gippsland Basin and, based on its existing program, is expected to become available following completion of its current commitments in March 2027.**
- **Judith-2 Environmental Plan has been resubmitted to NOPSEMA in response to request for further information. Approval is now expected by end of September.**

1. Execution of agreement securing the Valaris 107 Jack-up Drilling Rig for April 2027

Emperor Energy (ASX:EMP) ("**Emperor**" or "**Company**") advises that it has entered into a term sheet ("**Term Sheet**") with ENSCO Australia Pty. Ltd., a subsidiary of Valaris Limited ("**Valaris**"), to secure the provision of the VALARIS 107 jack-up drilling rig to drill the Judith-2 Appraisal Well, targeted for April 2027.

The Term Sheet sets out the principal commercial terms for the drilling campaign and secures the availability of VALARIS 107 for an estimated period of 30 days to drill the well and a subsequent 15 days for flow testing. It also provides an option for Emperor to extend the operation to include an additional side track well.

Under the Term Sheet, Emperor has paid US$1.5 million upon execution of the Term Sheet with a further US$2.0 million to be paid upon execution of the full-form drilling contract. The operating day rate for VALARIS 107 is US$165,000, with the total of US$3.5 million in payments credited against the aggregate value of the drilling contract. Further contract payments to Valaris will then occur in 2027 prior to mobilisation of the drilling rig.

Emperor and Valaris are targeting execution of the full-form drilling contract by 31 October 2026, with all remaining contractual terms to be finalised during the next 2 months.

VALARIS 107 is currently operating in the offshore Gippsland Basin and will continue to undertake further drilling activities in the region for other operators before moving to the Judith-2 Appraisal Well.

Emperor Energy CEO Tim Handley commented “The Valaris 107 jack-up drilling rig is operating nearby at a very high level of safety, efficiency and productivity. Securing this drilling rig for April 2027 is a major step forward for Emperor Energy as the company pushes forward towards drilling the Judith-2 Appraisal Well.“

Figure 1: Valaris-107 Jackup Drilling Rig

2. Environmental Plan Approval Progressing

Emperor Energy has submitted a revised version of the Judith-2 Appraisal Well Environmental Plan (EP) to the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA) in response to a request for additional information. Emperor Energy now expects final EP approval by the end of September 2026.

This announcement has been authorised for release by the Board of Directors of Emperor Energy Limited.

Yours faithfully

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